

# An Act for Advancement of Trade.

It is enacted by the Right Honourable Lord Proprietary Governor by and with the advice & consent of the upper & lower houses of their present General Assembly of the same that from & after the last day of August one thousand six hundred eighty five the towns & places heretofore mentioned in the severall respective Countys within this Province shall be free Ports & places where all shippes whatsoever trading into this Province shall unlade & packe & share & sell barter & traffike away all goodes wares & commoditys that shall bee imported into this Province & likewise that all tobacco goodes wares & merchandizes of the growthe production or manufacture of this Province inserted either sold hit or transported out of this Province shall bee for that end & intent brought to the said Ports & places That is to say in the County of St. Marys at the City of St. Marys, East Britton Bay, at John Bayleyes or Daunces, & at the Indian Towne at Shippemontis or New Shippemontis. And in the County of Kent aff Shipping at Copps Creek, & aff New Yarmouth in graye Towne Creek, And in the County of New Foundell at the Towne Land aff Portes, & aff South River on both sides of his Land aff Herring Creek on his Towne Land & in the County of Talbot aff S. Leonard's Creek on Liffard Smith's Land & on Holling point on his Shippemontis, & aff John Bowlings Land neare Hautes Land, & aff Warrington on the Chift Towne Land, & in Charles County on Diggis his purchase in Wintonomo River formerly stendall on the Creek, & on the Church Land on the East side Portoboro Creek neare the mouth of the Creek, & on Shippemontis neare Hingemontis on Mr. Beddick his Land, And in Baltimore County in Patapscs River neare Humphrey's Creek & on Bush River & on the Towne Land neare the Court house, And in Talbot County neare Tredaven Creek aff the Towne Land, & in Kingstreeke neare the old Towne & in Wye River Towne Land there, & aff the Towne Land aff the fork in Chester River And in Dorchester County in Wintonomo River on the South side on the Land neare above the Land of the Orphans of Charles Holland, & on the Land in the North side of Mudford Creek (Vizt) Smith's & Glanvilles Land & on Hoxby Land in Anne Arundel & on Morgans Land formerly called Barrows toward the head of Potomack & on the Land beconct w<sup>t</sup> Jenkins Plantation & w<sup>t</sup> Howard's Plantation on the North side Potomack, And in Dorchester County on Morgans Land near the head of Herring Creek in Little Shoptank & on Traverse Rio Land on the West side of the North west branch of Transquakim River And in Cecil County aff Cap. John's Creek will in Pined Plantation in Elk River & in Sasaprap River aff William Frisby's plantation, & in Worton Creek, & And bee it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that from & after the proclaiming this act all & every the publick after named shall be commissioners for the aforesaid severall respective Countys & they & every of them shall execute the power & authority hirch given according to the custome & direction hereafter in this act intituled & prescribed a well for the buying & purchasing of the aforesaid Towne Land & Portes and places of the now owneres & possessors of the same, as for the Surveying & laying out of the said Ports & Townes as placed aforesaid, & making & marking out the severall lots to be laid out in the said Townes to the end the length breadth & content of every Towne in the severall Countys in every Towne port or place may bee the better shewne & observed, & that is to say for St. Marys County & old Willm Diggis Mr. Robert Barwick Mr. Edward Greene Mr. John William Chapman Mr. George Mifflin Mr. John Jewell Mr. Randolph Hanson Mr. John Addison Mr. Stephen Goff Mr. Justinian Gerard, Mr. William Postwell Mr. Joseph Ryle Mr.